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RIVER CROSSING ACTIVITY TAM DA, NORTH VIETNAM 1850N 10539E

#### 1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS EXTENSIVE REPAIR ACTIVITY TO A RIVER CROSSING NORTH OF VINH AS WELL AS HEAVY CONVOY ACTIVITY MOVING ON ROUTE LA.

#### 2. LOCATION:

11 NM NORTH OF VINH ON ROUTE 1A AND THE THANH HOA/VINH RAIL LINE.

#### 3. BACKGROUND:

THE TAM DA CROSSING, A MAJOR CROSSING POINT ON THE THANH HOA-VINH
RAIL LINE AND ROUTE 1A, HAD BEEN ALMOST CONTINUALLY INTERDICTED BY U.S.
BOMBING. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 1 NOVEMBER 1968 BOMBING HALT, ONE RAIL
(BY-PASS' BRIDGE WAS REPAIRED AND WORK WAS BEGUN ON THE HIGHWAY CROSSING.

#### 4. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF REVEALS A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AT THE RIVER CROSSING POINT IN THE TAM DA AREA.

APPROXIMATELY 200 TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED ON ROUTE 1A; 126 OF WHICH ARE HEADED SOUTH (39 SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) INCLUDING SEVEN TRUCKS CARRYING PROBABLE PIPE SECTIONS (ONE NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC \ AND SEVERAL POL TRUCKS. SEVENTY-FOUR TRUCKS ARE HEADED NORTH (33 SHOWN ON GRAPHIC \ MOST SOUTHBOUND TRUCKS ARE LOADED OR CANVAS-COVERED AND MOST NORTHBOUND ARE EMPTY OR CANVAS-COVERED.

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| OF THE THREE BRIDGES SHOWN ON THE GRAPHIC, ONLY THE SOUTHERN ROAD BY           | Y-PASS                     |
| BRIDGE IS SERVICEABLE ON THE RAIL BY-PASS BRIDGE AND                           | NORTHERN 25X1              |
| ROAD BY-PASS BRIDGE ARE UNSERVICEABLE. (NOT SHOWN ON THE GRAPHIC IS            | S A                        |
| SERVICEABLE RAIL BY-PASS BRIDGE AND THE MAIN RAIL BRIDGE WHICH IS U            | N <b>-</b>                 |
| SERVICEABLE.) REPAIR WORK ON THE APPROACH TO THE NORTHERN ROAD BY-             | PASS                       |
| BRIDGE AND THE MAIN RAIL BRIDGE IS UNDERWAY. FIVE PROBABLE DT-54 T             | RACTOR/                    |
| BULLDOZERS ARE OBSERVED WORKING IN THE AREA.                                   |                            |
| PHOTOGRAPHY OF REVEALS A PORTION OF THE SOUTH                                  | ERN ROAD 25X               |
| BY-PASS BRIDGE AWASH AND APPROXIMATELY 250 PERSONNEL APPARENTLY CROS           | SSING THE                  |
| BRIDGE HEADING SOUTH. RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHERN ROAD BY-PASS              | BRIDGE IS                  |
| OBSERVED IN PROGRESS.  |                            |
| 5. REMARKS:  |                            |
| THE RAIL BY-PASS BRIDGE (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) HAS BEEN CARRYI                 | NG TRAFFIC                 |
| SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER AND NOW INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE MAIN RAIL BRI            | DGE IS                     |
| GOING TO BE REPAIRED. THE SOUTHERN APPROACH TO THIS BRIDGE IS BEING            | GRADED AND                 |
| PREPARED FOR NEW TRACK.  |                            |
| THIS IS THE TYPE OF ACTIVITY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE UNDERTAK                 | ING ON                     |
| MOST OF THE MAJOR ROUTES TO THE SOUTH THROUGHOUT THE PANHANDLE AREA            | •                          |
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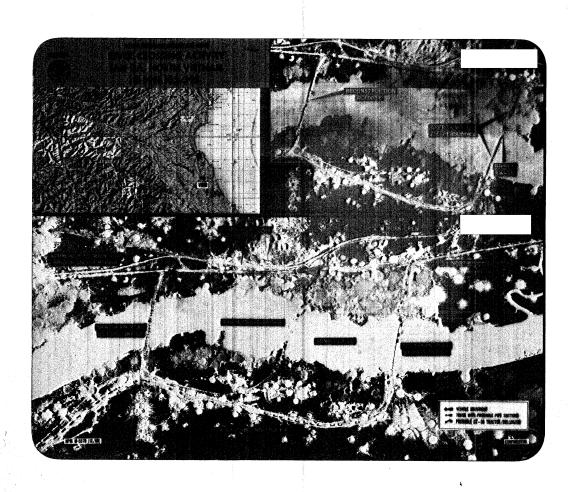
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